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The Global Administrative Unit Layers

GAUL Release 2015
List of data and documentation

Statistics Division (ESS) - Economic and Social Development Department

LIST OF GAUL 2014 DATA AND DOCUMENTATION

The dataset of GAUL 2015 includes:

1. GAUL SET

It is a set of shapefiles that includes the GAUL time series from 1990 to 2014. For each year 3 layers are provided at level 0, 1 and 2. An example is given below for the 2014 layers.

- **G2015_2014_0_mid:** these file refer the global layer to the year 2014 at country level.
- **G2015_2014_1_mid:** these file refer the global layer to the year 2014 at first level.
- **G2015_2014_2_mid:** these file refer the global layer to the year 2014 at second level.

2. DISCLAIMER

The file **DisclaimerGAUL2015.pdf** is a "Disclaimer of Warranty" provides indications on the use of the GAUL dataset (download "documentation.zip").

3. DATA LICENSE

The document **LicenseGAUL2015.pdf** provides information on the terms and conditions of the use of the GAUL dataset (download "documentation.zip").

4. LOWER LEVELS

A set of zip files including lower administrative levels data (e.g. Level 3, 4, 5, etc.) on country-by-country basis.

5. METADATA

The document **MetadataGAUL2015.pdf**, provides the GAUL metadata information in a printable format (download "documentation.zip").

6. RELEASE NOTE

The file **ReleaseNoteGAUL2015.pdf** provides key information on the current release (download "documentation.zip").

7. ADDITIONAL TABLES

GROUPINGS

Composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical sub-regions, and selected economic and other groupings (M49).

INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY CODES AND ATTRIBUTES

Matching of GAUL codes with other international coding systems at country level.

LAST UPDATE

A table used to flag when new codes are included.

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS DENOMINATION

A table that reports the local denomination of the administrative levels (e.g.: Uganda Level 1, district).

SALB CODES

Correspondence tables between GAUL and SALB (Second Administrative Level Boundaries).

OFFICIAL NAMES

A table that stores information of the country names in the FAO official languages.

UNSETTLED TERRITORIES

Provides a list of unsettled territories and their status.

8. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

The document **TechnicalAspectsGAUL2015_Doc1.pdf**, describes the GAUL Project, its methodology and other technical aspects (download "documentation.zip").

MORE INFORMATION

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